CONSTITUTION OF
CANTWELL NATIVE COUNCIL

PREAMBLE

We, the aboriginal descendants, Native to the State of Alaska and Native to the tribal lands of Cantwell, do hereby constitute this declaration, asserting our sovereign right to self government. We ordain and institute this constitution to Promote, and Protect our community, its tribe and its resources, and the right to Life, Liberty and pursuit of happiness; to promote our Health, Education and Welfare. To provide leadership and vision for our prosperity.

ARTICLE I NAME

Section I. Name. This organization will be known as Cantwell Native Council.

ARTICLE II JURISDICTION

Section I. Jurisdiction. Council and territorial jurisdiction. All traditional exterior boundaries of the Cantwell Native Council are as have and do exist.

ARTICLE III TRIBAL ENROLLMENT

Section I. Council Members. Those people of Cantwell Native Council having a blood quantum of at least one-eighth (1/8) degree of Alaska Native Aboriginal Blood, whose names appear on the original Cantwell Native Council Membership Roll.

Section II. Children of Village Members. All children of the Cantwell Native Council Membership, having a blood quantum of at least one-eighth (1/8) degree of Alaskan Aboriginal Native blood are members of the Cantwell Native Council.

Section III. Eligibility for Village Enrollment. People of at least one-eighth (1/8) degree of Alaskan Aboriginal Native blood who have resided in the Village of Cantwell for a period of time may be eligible for tribal membership with the approval of the Cantwell Native Council.

Section IV. Spouses. Spouses of tribal members whose name does not appear on the rolls shall be enrolled to the membership of Cantwell Native Council with the approval of the Cantwell Native Council.

Section V. Council Status. Any council member may lose council status by any of, but not restricted to, the following causes:

1. By willingly setting aside council status;
2. By committing a crime against the council body;
3. By committing a crime against a council member;
4. By having a dual council membership; and
5. or by death.

ARTICLE IV GOVERNING BODY

Section I. Governing Body. The governing body will be the members of Cantwell Native Council in its entirety.

Section II. Council Representation. Council representation will be by five (5) representatives elected from the membership rolls of Cantwell Village Council. If deemed necessary the number of representatives may be increased by the council. The council representation will be the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and other officers as is deemed necessary.

Section III. Tenure of Office.

(a) The term of office of each elected officer shall expire when his successor is elected, sworn in and seated.

(b) The President shall be elected by the Council membership and shall serve for a term of one year.

(c) Each of the members of the Council shall be elected to serve for a term of two (2) years.

ARTICLE V ELECTIONS

Section I. Council Elections. Voting on election for council representatives and on all other matters as may come before the council body shall be each year, at least once a year.

Section II. Voting Eligibility. Eligibility to participate in voting and council elections shall be defined as a person who is eighteen (18) years of age and on the council enrollment.

Section III. Council Official Nominations. Nominations for the council office shall require the nominee to be eighteen (18) years of age and registered to the council roll.

Section IV. Recall. Any council official or representative not performing in his duties, or for just cause, may be recalled by a majority vote of the council members. The recalled official or representative shall immediately be replaced from the council membership with majority consent.

ARTICLE VI COUNCIL MEMBERS RIGHTS

Section I. Council Members Rights. All rights in their entirety are reserved to the council members. No right may be taken from council members. Council members may willingly set aside certain rights.

ARTICLE VII COUNCIL POWERS

Section I. Council Powers. Council powers are all encompassing to insure that the needs of the council are met and are delegated to their legal representatives, the council, to insure protection of their right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness; to promote their health, education, welfare and political progress, and to encourage and nourish the arts, crafts, traditions, language and culture of the council body. Having and continuing, our sovereign rights to exist and from now forward shall be placed on paper in the form of law. Cantwell Village and Council shall be able to impose those means necessary to insure efforts of self-determination.

ARTICLE VIII QUORUM

Section I. Quorum and Business. No business of the council shall take place without a quorum of the council. A quorum being defined as of consisting of at least three (3) members of the council.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

Section I. Amendments. A majority of the qualified voters of the Cantwell Native Council may amend this Constitution in an election for such purpose.

ARTICLE X ADOPTION

Section I. Adoption. This Constition becomes effective when one-half (½) plus one of the membership of the Cantwell Native Council votes for and adopts this document.

Section II. Membership Vote.

Tribal members present	: 40
Tribal members in favor	: 40
Tribal members against	: 0
Date of Adoption	: 9/15/90